

DIVISION 22

Political Activities

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Public Activities

(1) Although there is no prohibition against active participation by Department employees in various community and public affairs, it is expected that time given to such activities shall not interfere with the duties of the employees concerned.

(2) No employee shall take action that might be construed as committing the institution or the Board to a position on public issues.

Hist.: HEB 3-1978, f. & ef. 6-5-78; HEB 1-1993, f. & cert. ef. 2-5-93

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Candidates for Public Office

(1) In accordance with the Oregon Constitution, it is Board policy to allow employees to seek political office and to serve in the event of election. Before an employee shall become a candidate for any public office, whether for a salaried or nonsalaried position, the employee is expected to consult with the president.

(2) Political activity shall in no way interfere with the performance of the major duties prescribed by the Board and the presidents.

(3) Because circumstances under which a campaign is conducted will vary widely depending on the nature of the elective office and the extent of opposition, the determination of whether an employee may continue full-time duties while conducting or engaged in a campaign rests with the employee's president. In the event of election to the State Legislature, an employee normally will be placed on leave of absence without pay during the period of full-time responsibility. If elected or appointed to a full-time salaried office, the employee may be placed on leave of absence without pay during the term of office or may be required to resign.

Hist.: HEB 3-1978, f. & ef. 6-5-78; HEB 1-1993, f. & cert. ef. 2-5-93

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Relationships with State Government

(1) Except for the Chancellor and designees, no employee of the Department is authorized to represent the Department, including any institution or other activity thereof, to the Legislature,

its members or committees, to the Office of the Governor, and to the Executive Department and its Divisions.

(2) Nothing in this rule shall be construed as inhibiting an employee of the Department from exercising the right of citizenship in a personal capacity, or be construed as inhibiting any employee of the Department from appearing before a body of state government identified in this rule in response to a request from that body.

(3) Faculty members are authorized to visit the Legislative Sessions and Hearings with students in the interests of furthering the effectiveness of organized class work, or to respond to requests from the Legislature for establishment and maintenance of special involvements such as student intern programs.

Hist.: HEB 3-1978, f. & ef. 6-5-78; HEB 1-1993, f. & cert. ef. 2-5-93